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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend page 7, second paragraph, to read as follows:

"Preferred monohydric aralkyl alcohols of the invention are those having formula

I below:

in which R is a C_1 - C_{12} straight or branched chain, saturated or olefinically unsaturated alkylene group, and R^1 and R^2 are independently hydrogen, halogen (fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine), C_1 - C_4 , alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy groups. Preferred compounds of formula I are those in which the R group is a C_1 - C_6 saturated alkylene group, especially those wherein R^1 and R^2 are both hydrogen. The most preferred compound of formula I is benzyl alcohol. When the R group is an ethylenically unsaturated alkylene group, this group can also be referred to as an alkenylene group."